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Serial No. 10/686,302

Atty. Docket No. 0194-2001US02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
David H. Masury et al. : Group Art Unit:  
Serial No.:10/686,302 : Examiner:  
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For SURGICAL SCALPEL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.